

## Inspection report for early years provision

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## Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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## Description of the childminding

The childminder has been registered since 2003. She lives with her husband and two children who attend primary school, and one aged 11 years. They live in Highworth, near Swindon, Wiltshire, close to shops, parks, toddler groups and a library. The childminder takes and collects children from local schools and pre-schools. The family keep a pet guinea pig. There is a fully enclosed rear garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time of whom three may be on the Early Years Register. At the time of this inspection, no children on the early years register attend, although the childminder provides care to children aged over five years to 11 years. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

Minded children may use the entire house, although in practice remain mostly downstairs. The childminder is working towards a relevant early years qualification.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder knows how to safeguard children; she understands how to protect them from unvetted persons and undertakes suitable risk assessments. She recognises the need to maintain children's good health and has suitable policies in place. Since the last inspection, hygiene practices have been further improved. She identifies potential hazards to children's safety inside and outside her home and when on outings, undertaking suitable actions to minimise these, such as fitting safety locks to kitchen cupboards, keeping her premises secure and undertaking regular training to maintain her first aid skills.

The childminder promotes children's good health through understanding what constitutes a healthy diet and shares her Healthy Eating Policy with parents. She plans her day so that children have a balance of energetic and quieter activities. She shares her sickness policy with parents, so they are clear about when to keep their children at home, so helping to prevent the spread of cross-infection.

Since the last inspection, the childminder has taken training in the Early Years Foundation Stage. She recognises the need to plan activities around individual children's capabilities and interests so that all have their learning and development needs catered for, including the youngest. She understands that children learn through play and the need to promote the six areas of learning and early learning goals, through a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities. This includes a balance of indoor and outdoor learning.

The childminder understands the need to work with parents and others concerned with the children. She has a suitable complaints procedure. She discusses children's individual requirements with parents before they start with her, establishing their welfare needs, such as dietary requirements and their capabilities

in terms of their learning and development. This helps her establish children's starting points. She understands the need to undertake regular observations of children to note their progress and plan the next aims for their learning.

The childminder has addressed recommendations from the last inspection suitably. She shows commitment to maintaining improvement of her provision.

## **Compliance with registration requirements**

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

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| The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: | Met |
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| The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: | Met |
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